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Construction of an anicut across the Payaswami River.

* 1090 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to State—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Muliar Kisan conference held on 14th May 1953 requesting the Government to construct an anicut across the Payaswami river at a place called Pankikallu, in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The proposal has been considered and found not technically and economically feasible."

Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Perambalur Taluk Elementary School Teachers' Federation.

* 1091 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to State—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions regarding revision of their pay and grant of certain concessions to improve their status passed at the meeting of the Perambalur Taluk Elementary School Teachers' Federation on 14th February 1954 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) An unsigned printed copy was received.

" (b) No action was taken on it as Government do not take action on copies of resolutions, when they are not received in the form of a petition stating the grounds and circumstances of each case or at least with a covering letter."

The Feroke Commonwealth Trust Tile Factory, Malabar.

* 1092 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPAALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Labour, Madras has received any memorandum, dated 15th February 1954, from one Sri M. Shanmugam, Secretary, The Feroke Commonwealth Trust Tile Workers' Union, Feroke, Malabar, stating that the Feroke Commonwealth Trust Tile Factory was closed on 14th January 1954 up to 20th January 1954 and workers did not get the lay-off benefit as per the Ordinance issued by the President of the Indian Union on 24th October 1953 regarding involuntary unemployment allowance; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Commissioner of Labour received copy of a letter addresed by the Union to the management.

" (b) The workers' Union is being advised that the workers may file claim petitions under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947."

Hours of duty for male and female nursing orderlies in Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras.

* 1093 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the male and female nursing orderlies in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, have to do duty for 22 hours at a stretch; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Amount allotted to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for 1952–53.

* 1094 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for the year 1952–53; and

(b) the amount spent by them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the Government contribution sanctioned under section 13 (3) of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948, to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for the year, 1952–53. The amount so sanctioned for that year is Rs. 36,608–14–9.

" (b) The expenditure incurred by the Authority during 1952–53 is Rs. 11,059."

Satyagraha staged by the members of the Scheduled Castes Federation in North Arcot and Salem districts on 17th August 1953.

* 1095 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the members of the Scheduled Castes Federation staged any satyagraha (picketing) in front of the schools run by the Director of Harijan Welfare in the districts of North Arcot and Salem on Monday, the 17th August 1953;

(b) how many members were picketing;